

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Previously withdrawn claims 9-12 have been hereby cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 5-8 and 15-17 have been allowed. Claims 2-4 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 102

Claims 1, 13 and 14 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Moraes (US 2005/0039457). Reconsideration is respectfully requested on the following grounds.

The subject matter of objected to, but otherwise allowable, claim 3 has been hereby introduced into independent claims 1 and 13. Claim 3 has accordingly been cancelled.

Claims 1 and 13 as presently submitted are believed to be novel and inventive over Moraes. The rejection to claims 1 and 13 is thus now believed to be moot. At least in view of its dependence on claim 13, dependent claim 14 is similarly believed to be novel.

Reconsideration of the rejection of claim 1, 13 and 14 under 35 USC 102(e) is respectfully anticipated.

Applicant looks forward to receiving a timely Notice of Allowance in due course.

Respectfully,



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